

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a body-side liner;

a garment-side outer cover, said outer cover comprising a liquid-impermeable substrate layer comprised of a thermoplastic, polymeric material and which defines a first surface having a surface area; a noise-reducing layer which substantially completely coats a target region of said first surface; and

an absorbent assembly disposed between said body-side liner and said garment-side outer cover,

wherein the article has a Noise Level of less than 30.0 dB at 2 kHz and less than 28.0 dB at 4 kHz.

33. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 32, wherein the target region has an area which is at least about 50% of said surface area;

said noise-reducing layer having a basis weight of at least about three grams per square meter.

34. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 33 wherein said noise-reducing layer consists essentially of at least one of polyisoprene, polybutadiene, polyisobutylene, polyurethanes, silicone rubber, atactic polypropylene, and a synthetic block co-polymer.

35. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 32 wherein said substrate layer comprises a non-elastomeric thermoplastic, polymeric material.

36. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 35 further comprising a nonwoven layer adhered to said substrate layer.